

Friends of the State Library of Massachusetts NEWSBrief

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Art in the State Library: the State Library's Newest Publication

The Publications Committee of the State Library recently completed a full-color booklet highlighting the artwork on display in the State Library. This 23 page booklet gives a "mini" tour of the history of the artworks currently on display in both the Main Reading Room in Room 341 and the library periodicals balcony area

in Room 442, including the plaques, busts, portraits, and large Freedom Trail tapestry. The booklet also contains a recounting of the restoration work done on the State Library in 2014. Come in and ask to check out a copy at the Reference Desk and take an "artistic tour" of the State Library!

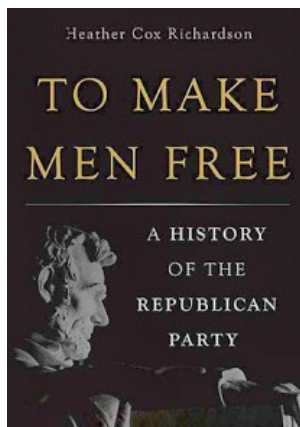


Gold leaf clock in the State Library's Main Reading Room

Our Monthly Series: November's Author Talk with Heather Cox Richardson

As we get into gear for the Presidential primary next year, the State Library was pleased to host author and Boston College history professor Heather Cox Richardson on Nov. 17 for an author talk on her recent book, *To Make Men Free: A History of the Republican Party*. She said she wrote the book because she could not find a good book that had the history of the Republican Party and wove her stories together in a fun and

educational way. She started with President Lincoln and continued with how the Republican Party has changed over time, why it fell out of favor with minorities, how Theodore Roosevelt had trouble passing legislation, and about some of her favorite Republicans. She talked about the future of the Republican Party, how the party got taken over by conservatives, and that the party needs moderate Republicans to run for office.



A lively Q & A by attendees followed the talk, making for a great success!

Join the Friends of the Library for our upcoming event:

"Preserving Your Family's Papers" a workshop by Kelly Turner, Preservation Librarian

Thurs. Dec. 10, 2015
From 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

in the State Library's Special Collections Department
Room 55 State House

Please Register
[HERE](#)
or email

Friends.StateLibrary@state.ma.us

Limit 10 attendees



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Join us for our next Author Talk by Joe McMaster on his book, the "Charles Street Jail" a part of Arcadia Publishing's popular "Images of America" Series from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thurs. Dec. 17.

As always, please feel free to email us at:

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We want to hear from you!